

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A job management apparatus that manages statuses of print jobs in conformity with International Standard ISO/IEC10175-1, said job management apparatus comprising:

an instruction input module that inputs a printing instruction given to a print job in a 'held' status, the print job in the 'held' status being referred to as a mother job;

a job creation module that creates at least one daughter job from the ~~print job in the 'held' status~~ as a mother job, in response to the printing instruction; and

a print execution module that keeps at least one of the mother job and the daughter jobs in the 'held' status and executes printing of at least one of the other print jobs,

wherein said print execution module executes printing of the mother job, while keeping at least one of the daughter jobs in the 'held' status.

Claims 2 and 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A job management apparatus that manages statuses of print jobs in conformity with International Standard ISO/IEC10175-1, said job management apparatus comprising:

an instruction input module that inputs a printing instruction given to a print job in a 'held' status, the print job in the 'held' status being referred to as a mother job;

a print execution module that executes printing of the ~~print~~ mother job in response to the printing instruction; and

a job creation module that creates at least one daughter job from the executed ~~print job~~ as a mother job on completion of the ~~print job~~ printing of the mother job and keeps the created at least one daughter job in a ~~the~~ 'held' status.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A job management apparatus that manages statuses of print jobs to be executed by a printing apparatus, said job management apparatus comprising:

an instruction input module that inputs a printing instruction given to a print job, which is excluded from a waiting queue of printing operation, ~~and~~ is kept in a held status, and is referred to as a mother job, among various input print jobs;

a print execution module that executes the ~~print job in the held status~~ printing of the mother job in response to the printing instruction; and

a job creation module that creates at least one daughter job from the executed ~~print job~~ as a mother job on completion of the ~~print job~~ printing of the mother job and keeps the created at least one daughter job in the held status.

Claim 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A job management method that manages statuses of print jobs to be executed by a printing apparatus, said job management method comprising the steps of:

(a) inputting a printing instruction given to a print job, which is excluded from a waiting queue of printing operation, ~~and~~ is kept in a held status, and is referred to as a mother job, among various input print jobs;

(b) executing the ~~print job in the held status~~ printing of the mother job in response to the printing instruction; and

(c) creating at least one daughter job from the executed ~~print job~~ as a mother job on completion of the ~~print job~~ printing of the mother job and keeping the created at least one daughter job in the held status.

Claim 9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A recording medium in which a program for managing statuses of print jobs to be executed by a printing apparatus is recorded in a computer readable manner, said program causing a computer to attain the functions of:

in response to a printing instruction given to a print job, which is excluded from a waiting queue of printing operation, ~~and~~ is kept in a held status, and is referred to as a mother job, executing the ~~print job in the held status~~ printing of the mother job; and

creating at least one daughter job from the executed ~~print job as a~~ mother job on completion of the ~~print job~~ printing of the mother job and keeping the created at least one daughter job in the held status.